REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 24, 2005. Claims 11 to 14, 16 to 20, 26 to 28, 30 and 35 to 43 are in the application, with Claim 43 having been newly-added. Claims 11, 26, 35, 39 and 43 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 26 to 28, 30 and 35 to 42 are allowable.
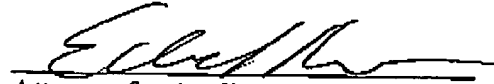
Applicant also wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. In this regard, without conceding the correctness of the art rejections set forth below, Applicant has chosen to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 15 into Claim 11 so as to rewrite Claim 15 into independent form. Additionally, Applicant has chosen to add new Claim 43, which rewrites Claim 14 into independent form. Thus, all independent claims are believed to be allowable in light of the indicated allowable subject matter.

As for art based rejections, Claims 11 to 13 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,504,774 (Takai), and Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Takai in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,590,160 (Ostman). The rejections are believed to be obviated for the reasons set forth above. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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